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SUBJECT: INCREASED EC PREFERENCES FOR CITRUS

REF: THE HAGUE 0784, BONN 2427

1. MINAG OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO INFORMED US OF A LETTER
FROM THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF
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THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN
THE DUTY PREFERENCES FOR CITRUS FRUITS. THE ISRAELI
REQUEST FOR A FURTHER REDUCTION IN CITRUS TARIFFS IS
BASED ON THE INTENT CLAUSE IN THE ORIGINAL PREFERENCE
AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE EC, AT THE
TIME IT GRANTED THE ORIGINAL PREFERENCES, INDICATED
ITS INTENT TO GRANT ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS. OUR SOURCE

STATED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE ISRAELI LETTER AT THEIR RECENT MEETING BUT REACHED NO CONCLUSIONS. IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES LAST WEEK, BUT THEY ALSO COULD NOT AGREE ON AN ANSWER. ITALY AND FRANCE REPORTEDLY OBJECTED VERY STRONGLY TO WORDING IN A REPLY LETTER WHICH WOULD HAVE STATED THAT THE EC COULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON PREFERENCES AT THE MOMENT BUT WOULD STUDY THE ISRAELI REQUEST.

2. THE FRG FOR POLITICAL REASONS FAVORS GRANTING ADDITIONAL EC PREFERENCES TO ISRAEL. MINAG OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE A GOOD CASE BASED ON THE INTENT CLAUSE OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, AND ALSO THEY SAID THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT THE TIME DID NOT REPEAT NOT OBJECT TO THE ORIGINAL PREFERENCE SCHEME. AGATT POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. CITRUS INDUSTRY AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAVE OBJECTED TO THE PREFERENCE SCHEME FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND THAT THERE WOULD BE STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY FURTHER INCREASES IN THE PREFERENCE SCHEME.

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